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DANA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—We had hoped before this to have found space to notice the good work being done by Mr. A. J. Ebell, who is now lecturing before various educational institutions, and also establishing numerous chapters of the Dana Natural History Society. The Raritan chapter, established at Matawan, N. J., held its first regular meeting at Glenwood Institute, Nov. 4, 1867, when Rev. Samuel Lockwood, a contributor to the NATURALIST, delivered a lecture on the study of Natural History.

The Dana Natural History Society of the North-west College, Evanston, Illinois, have received a number of additions to their Museum begun by selections from Mr. Ebell's cabinet. A lecture was delivered on March 7, in the college chapel, by Mr. Ebell, the proceeds of which are to increase the Museum and Library.

CORRESPONDENCE.

J. W. C., Cheyenne, Dakota.—The snails sent were *Helix Cooperi*, a species peculiar to California and adjacent territory.

C. S. M., Jamaica Plains, Mass.—The name of the shell of which you send a pencil sketch is *Natica heros*. You will find a description of it in Gould's Invertebrata of Massachusetts, p. 231. The work you will find in any public library.

E. H. J., Pawtucket, R. I.—Papers and descriptions of American shells are scattered through the proceedings of the various Scientific Societies. Binney's Terrestrial Mollusca will cost \$30 or \$35. Gould's Invertebrata of Massachusetts, though published nearly thirty years ago, is the best work on New England Shells. A new edition, with all the species illustrated, will be out in the course of a year. As for fresh-water Aquaria, the experience you will gain by a few patient attempts at stocking one, will be worth more than all the books. Be careful not to have too many animals in one tank.

Anon.* Pen Yan, N. Y.—“The English Cyclopædia,” by Charles Knight. Natural History, in five volumes, 4to, London. Baird's “Cyclopædia of Natural Sciences.” “An Expository Lexicon of above 50,000 ancient and Modern Scientific Terms,” by R. G. Mayne. London (Churchill), £2 10s. 8vo. “Dictionary of Terms used in Geology, with their Derivations,” by D. H. McNicholl, M. D. Small 8vo. 12s. (Reeve & Co.) The two last give the derivations.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Journal of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia. January—May, 1868.
The Field. April 12, 19. London.
Cosmos. March 28, April 4, 11. Paris.
Chemical News. May. New York.
Land and Water. March 7-28. London.

* We cannot hereafter notice any anonymous communications.